



WE SERVE!

CALENDAR

Board meeting is
April 14 at 6 p.m. at
HealthSouth. Lion Bill
Bush is host

Outback fundraiser
ticket deadline is April
15

USA/Canada Forum in
Memphis Sept 24-26

SPEAKERS

April 8th- Eric Moran, Owner
Alexandria Aces

April 15th - Club Forum

April 22nd- Outback
Fundraiser

April 29th-TBA

BIRTHDAYS

Percy Dauzat 4/3
Tony DeMarco 4/4
Jayne Rhodes 4/12

Door Prize

The fate of the Door Prize is
unknown. You just can't get
good help anymore!

THE LIONS TALE

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April 1, 2009

The 2 Card Draw kitty continues to grow! We are down to 32 cards and up to \$410, plus whatever comes in next week!. John Paul Adams and Debbie Mahfouz couldn't find the jokers.

Lion David Caplan brought a guest, Jacob Bryan – financial Advisor with Morgan-Kegan. Welcome Jacob and come back anytime. I'm sure Lion David would be happy to give you an application for membership.

Lion Harmon Dungan announced that Lion Dick Gates is at Cleveland Hospital, Cleveland, Ohio for an Aortic valve replacement and possible by-pass. Our prayers are with you, Lion Dick.

Our Outback Fundraiser is Wednesday, April 22, Administrative Professionals Day. We have two seatings: 11:00 and 12:30. Take out tickets are also available. Tickets are \$15 and are a choice of steak or chicken, salad, bread, green beans, tea or cola, and cheesecake, with or without raspberry sauce. Gratuity is NOT included in the ticket cost. Many Club members plan to wear vests or polos and help the servers with water and tea. We are ordering extra brochures so that every guest will know what our club is about and the projects we support. See Lion Susan for tickets to sell to friends and co-workers. DEADLINE IS APRIL 15!

Thanks to Lion Susan Ballard, Lion James Ballard and Lion President Bob for taking notes for your editor in my absence.



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Our guest speaker was Doug Ireland, Executive Director of the La. Sports Hall of Fame in Natchitoches, which is a volunteer position. He was introduced by Lion Bill Bush. Doug currently is the Sports Information Director for Northwestern State University. He previously was a sportswriter for the Alexandria Town Talk.

Doug and Bill go way back and Doug did a great job of “roasting” Lion Bill. We all should look forward to Lion Bill’s performance as “Pistol Pete”. Doug noted that Louisiana produces more sports figures than 44 other states and ranks 6th in all time sports athletes. Six of the top 50 athletes of all time are from Louisiana.

The La. Sports Hall of Fame was established in 1959, which means that 2009 is the 50th Anniversary of the Hall of Fame. Each year a 30-member committee selects 8 to be inducted from all areas of sports. A maximum of 3 each year can be from football. The Hall of Fame is currently housed in Prather Coliseum but ground was recently broken for a new \$18 million facility to be located on Front Street in Natchitoches. The purpose of the museum is to tell the story of the athletes and the contribution they make to society. The Hall of Fame should be completed in 2010. Some notable Central La. athletes in the Hall of Fame are Shelia Thompson Johnson, Billy Algood and Bobby Lowther (the only All American in 2 sports).

An Induction ceremony to the Hall of Fame is held in June of each year.

Our speaker next week is Eric Moran, Owner of the Alexandria Aces. Baseball season officially starts before our next meeting, so come ready to play ball and ask questions.